

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/848,520  
Inventor(s) : Eric C. Berg et al.  
Filed : May 3, 2001  
Art Unit : 2128  
Examiner : Fred O. Ferris III  
Docket No. : 8070ML\$  
Confirmation No. : 7535  
Customer No. : 27752  
Title : Computer Apparatuses and Processes for Analyzing a  
System Having False Start Events

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, record is being made on the attached Form PTO/SB08 of document(s) which the Patent Office may wish to consider in connection with examination of the above-identified patent application. It is respectfully requested that the cited document(s) be carefully considered by the Examiner and made of record in this case. As provided in §1.97(g), no representation is made or intended that a thorough art search was made. As provided in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(h), this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission of any kind, and specifically is not an admission that the document(s) listed on attached form PTO/SB08 is (are), or is (are) considered to be, material to the patentability of the above-identified patent application, as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

This information disclosure statement, submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1), is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. Therefore, no fee is believed to be due.

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**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE NOTED BY THE EXAMINER:**

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider and make of record the co-pending applications listed on the attached page.

Respectfully submitted,

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	09/565,008	5/4/2000	Caporale, et al.	8071LS		Yes
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REQUEST TO CONSIDER INFORMATION ON  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FILED JUNE 1, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The Notice of Allowability mailed August 28, 2006 states on page 2 of the same that "[t]he supplemental information disclosure statement filed 1 June 2006 does not comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) because no specific publications have been referenced. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered by the examiner."

The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider his position, and consider the information on the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 1, 2006. The Applicants do not believe it is necessary for all information submitted in information disclosure statements to be in the form of printed publications. Section 1.98(a)(1), in fact, provides that an information disclosure statement shall include "patents, publications, applications, or other information . . . ." The topic of "other information" is addressed again in 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(iv) separately from the topic of publications. If all information had to be provided in the form of publications, it would not be possible to bring issues such as prior uses to the attention of the PTO. Applicants, however, make no

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admissions herein relative to whether any specific prior use is considered to be material to the patentability of the claimed invention.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the information on the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 1, 2006.

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